

STATE OF MARYLAND

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

Shari T. Wilson, Secretary

BILL NO: SB 170

COMMITTEE: Finance

POSITION: Support with Amendments

TITLE: County Board of Health – Meetings and Fee-Setting Powers

BILL ANALYSIS:

SB 170 authorizes county boards of health to set a fee for functions delegated to them from the State. MDE delegates permitting of wells to a local approving authority, typically the health department. This Legislation would eliminate the cap on well permit fees established in Environmental Article 9-1307, which states “the fee may not exceed \$160 per well or \$160 per cluster of wells to be used exclusively to transfer heat to or from the ground or groundwater.” There is a specific section of code excluding Anne Arundel County from this cap.

POSITION AND RATIONALE: Support with amendments

The amendments assure that MDE is on equal footing with DHMH on matters related to fees and reporting. The amendments also clarify that the fee is to be charge to the regulated entity and only for services related to costs.

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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 170
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Page Two, Line 7, insert "COUNTY" before BOARD. Add "OF HEALTH "after "BOARD".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, Line 9, insert "OR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AS APPROPRIATE" after the word Department.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, Line 10, insert "OR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AS APPROPRIATE," after the word Department. After the word HEALTH, insert "OR ENVIRONMENTAL".

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, Line 14, after the word charge insert "TO A REGULATED ENTITY, NOT TO EXCEED AN AMOUNT SUFFICIENT TO COVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OF INSPECTIONS AND LICENSING".

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, Line 21, insert after Department, "OR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT".

AMENDMENT NO. 6

On page 2, Line 22, insert after Secretary, "OR THE SECRETARY OF THE ENVIRONMENT".